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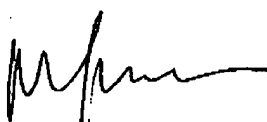
New Claims 25 and 26 have been added. New Claim 25 includes all of the limitations of previous Claims 1 and 7. New Claim 26 includes all of the limitations of previous Claims 13 and 15.

Claim 8, which had originally been dependent upon previous Claim 7, is now made dependent upon new Claim 25. Claims 16 and 17, which each had been dependent upon previous Claim 15, are now made dependent upon new Claim 26.

Claims 1 through 7, 10 through 15, and 20 through 24 have been cancelled, since it is believed that the balance of the claims remaining in this application after amendment adequately protects the Applicants' invention.

In the latest Office Action the Examiner has indicated that Claim 7 through 9 and 15 through 19, thought being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants' attorney respectfully submits that new Claims 25 and 26 and the changed dependence of Claims 8, 16 and 17 meet the aforementioned criteria.

Reconsideration of the rejection of any claims remaining in this Application after amendment and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.



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